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TOPIC Deasau Airfield

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that 260 to 280 Soviet Air Force soldiers were quartered in the former hospital south of the field, that these soldiers had come from Zerbst (M 52/D 98), Wittenberg (N 52/E 37), and Koethen (M 52/D 95), and that 150 more Air Force soldiers arrived about 15 February 1950.

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2. The following aircraft were counted at the airfield on [REDACTED]

a. Eleven U-2 biplanes;

b. Sixty-eight fighters with radial engine, of the type previously stationed there;

c. Five twin-engine aircraft with nose wheel; definitely no jet aircraft;

d. Twenty-four jet aircraft with nose wheel, high rudder assembly, air intake in nose; completely covered with dark gray tarpaulins.

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3. The field was occupied by the following aircraft on [REDACTED]

a. About 10 biplanes;

b. About 70 fighters with radial engine;

c. Three twin-engine aircraft;

d. About 30 jet fighters of the above-mentioned type.

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4. [REDACTED] the work on the landing field was completed on 10 February 1950 and

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that the cantonment buildings, sheds and the remaining building material were shipped to Koethen. The following trucks were seen at the airfield:

B 7-81-69 T	B 7-82-94 T	F 3-03-09 T
B 7-81-78 T	B 7-83-05 T	F 3-03-17 T
B 7-81-82 T	E 5-31-34 T	F 3-03-19 T
B 7-81-91 T		

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5.

Forty-five to fifty fighters with radial engine were parked on the northeastern edge of the field. The planes were made ready to take off at 10 a.m. but they were not flown.

6. Twenty-six jet aircraft were parked at the southeastern corner and on the eastern edge of the airfield.

Description: Wings considerably swept back, nose wheel, air intake in nose, red marking, painted silver-gray, dihedral elevator assembly set at upper end of high rudder assembly slanting to the rear.

Fifteen of these aircraft were covered with tight-fitting protective tarpaulins. The remaining eleven made local flights at a strikingly high speed. A whistling sound was clearly heard.

7. Seventeen jet fighters of another type were parked on the eastern edge of the airfield.

Description: Conventional wings, air intake in nose, air exhaust under fuselage in line with trailing edge of wings, front section of fuselage strikingly thick, nose wheel, conventional rudder assembly. The aircraft made individual flights.

8. The trucks B 7-81-14 T, B 7-81-50 T and E 5-38-37 T were noticed near the quarters southeast of the airfield.

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The following aircraft were parked on the eastern edge of the field:

- a. Twenty-three jet fighters;
- b. Thirty to forty conventional fighters;
- c. Three biplanes.

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10. Description of aircraft:

a. Jet fighters: Rudder assembly slanting upward to the rear, air intake in nose, air exhaust at tail, cockpit forward of wings, wings dihedral, landing gear retracting inward, nose wheel, painted dark green.

b. Conventional fighters: Low-wing monoplane, radial engine, three-bladed propeller, wing tips cut, radio rod aft of cockpit, landing gear retracting inward, painted gray.

Two fighters of another type: Fuselage slightly longer, two-bladed propeller, wings and antenna same as those of other fighters.

11. The airfield personnel were quartered in two reconstructed administration buildings south of the field. No radio station or AA gun emplacements were noticed. Trucks B 7-81-xx and B 7-82-68 were seen at the field entrance gate.

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a. [REDACTED] the Dessau airfield is occupied by two jet aircraft types and conventional LA-9 fighters. The number of jet planes has increased since February 1950. It was particularly noticed that proportionally many jet planes of type 16 were present. This type aircraft is possibly only assembled in Dessau and then transferred to other fields. Two fighter regiments are assumed to be stationed at the Dessau field. These regiments apparently are not yet completely reequipped with jet planes. The number of LA-9s has not been reduced since the previous months.

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[REDACTED] It has not been ascertained whether these soldiers are ground or flying personnel. The arrival of new units has not been noticed.

c. Aircraft of A-20 type (para 2) have previously not been seen in Dessau. Koethen is the only airfield at which aircraft of this type were noticed (air reconnaissance regiment). The transfer of the Koethen air reconnaissance regiment to Dessau has not been reported. It is, however, considered possible that some aircraft of the Koethen air reconnaissance regiment were temporarily transferred to Dessau because of construction work being done on the landing field of the Koethen airfield.

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